
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 8, 2006 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Sharon Dillon, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Louis Requa, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson.
Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Berg, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon announced that the Executive Session will be moved up in the agenda to be directly after the Public Comment. She also noted the addition to the agenda of New Business Item 6 – State of Emergency – Flood Resolution #730-06.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #58693 to #58815 for \$925,231.66 (Voided Warrants #58813 & #58814)
 - Payroll Warrants #38976 to #39071 for \$199,408.63
- Waiver of Fees – Hammer Heritage Square – Osborne/Hoyt – April 7, 2007
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – SWHS 2007 – April 20, 2007
- Interlocal Agreement – Skagit County for Provision of Senior Services 2007
- Setting Public Hearing – 2007 Budget Ordinance

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the consent calendar items A through F. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:04 P.M. for the purpose of personnel, litigation or land acquisition for approximately 30 minutes with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 P.M.

Attorney Berg announced that the Council requested to entertain the idea of amending the agenda to include two additional items under New Business; Item 7 – Employment Contract – Jack Moore and Item 8 – Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adoption of Interim Ordinances as Permanent Ordinances for the 2006 Comp Plan and Development Regulation Update

Mayor Dillon and Planner Rozema reviewed background on the adoption of interim ordinances to become permanent for the 2006 Comp Plan and Development Regulation Update. Rozema presented an overview of the specific ordinances and zoning changes.

Council discussion ensued to include public input at the Planning Commission hearings and access for the Rite Aid property rezone.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:57 P.M.

No public input.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:58 P.M.

Councilmember Requa stated due to a conflict of interest he would need to recuse himself from #5 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Adopting Changes to the City's Official Zoning and Land Use Map.

1. Ordinance No. 1525-05; 2005 Transportation Plan

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1554-06 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting a Transportation Plan Section of the Comprehensive Plan and Entering Findings of Fact. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Splane – Yes, Requa – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance No. 1526-05; Impact Fees

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1555-06 An Ordinance Repealing SWMC Ch. 15.60 and Adopting a New Chapter SWMC CH. 15.60, Providing for Assessment of Impact Fees for Planned Capital Facilities, Providing for Credits for Other Mitigation of Impacts, and Providing for Appeals from Fee Determination. Councilmember Galbraith seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Requa – No, Splane – No and Meamber – No. Motion carried 4-3 (Councilmembers Requa, Splane and Meamber opposed).

3. Ordinance No. 1527-05; Municipal Facilities Section of the Comp Plan

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1556-06 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting A Municipal Facilities Section of the Comprehensive Plan and Entering Findings of Fact. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson – No, Lemley – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Requa – Yes, Splane – No and Meamber – No. Motion carried 4-3 (Councilmembers Anderson, Splane and Meamber opposed).

4. Ordinance No. 1529-05; Police and Fire Capital Facilities Plan

Councilmember Colgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1557-06 An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Capital Facilities Plan for Fire Facilities and Police Facilities, and Documenting Appropriate Mitigation Standards for Police Impacts. Seconded by Councilmember Requa.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Splane – Yes, Requa – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

5. Comprehensive Plan Amendment adopting changes to the City's Official Zoning and Land Use Map

Councilmember Requa recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest. He left the Council bench.

Councilmember Splane moved to approve Ordinance No. 1558-06 An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the City of Sedro-Woolley Land Use/Zoning Map. Councilmember Meamber seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Splane – Yes and Meamber – Yes. Motion carried (Councilmember Requa recused).

Councilmember Requa returned to the Council bench.

Planner Rozema commented on the review process by C-TED and that they were really impressed with the City's transportation plan and have requested permission to use it as a model.

NEW BUSINESS

State of Emergency – Flood Resolution

Mayor Dillon reported on the efforts for protecting the Waste Water Treatment Plant during the recent flooding. She also discussed the management of flood waters by releasing and holding waters at the appropriate times.

Discussion ensued to include the critical point of flooding for Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Resolution No. 730-06 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley Washington Declaring an Emergency as a Result of Flooding. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

Employment Contract – Jack Moore

Councilmember Lemley moved to enter into a contract with Jack Moore to become the new Planner/Building Official. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon introduced Jack Moore who was sitting in the audience to the Council and other audience members.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Attorney Berg addressed the possible change in Mayor due to the election of current Mayor Sharon Dillon as a County Commissioner. Berg reviewed the procedure for appointment of a replacement which would occur at the first regular meeting following the official resignation of the Mayor. That date is anticipated to be December 31, 2006. In order to make a smooth transition Berg recommended that the current Mayor Pro-Tem resign and Council elect from among its own a new Mayor Pro-Tem who will be the designated candidate for the replacement Mayor. That person would be officially voted for in January and take the oath of office at the first meeting in January. This will also allow for notification to the public to elect a replacement for the open Council position at the same meeting.

Councilmember Lemley formally submitted his resignation as Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2006. Lemley then moved to appoint Councilmember Mike Anderson to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for the remainder of 2006 and to possibly accept the nomination for Mayor for 2007. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – announced upcoming date for the Christmas Parade, the annual holiday party and encouraged the Council to attend the Engineering Seminar scheduled for November 29th. If all Councilmembers plan to attend proper procedures for advertisement will be done. Mayor Dillon reminded everyone that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 21, 2006 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Councilmember Anderson – questioned the paving of Township Street. He noted the condition of the intersection of State and Township and complaints he has received. Other Councilmembers also noted the number of complaints they have been receiving.

Engineer Blair noted that due to weather conditions not a lot can be done to improve the surface and updated the Council on the remaining work to be done.

Councilmember Requa – questioned the moratorium for the e-basin in the northern part of town being lifted.

Engineer Blair and Attorney Berg noted that they are together working on an interim zoning control ordinance which would require a public hearing prior to adoption or within 30 days of adoption including findings of fact indicating the required necessities. They are working on re-enacting the existing emergency ordinance minus a section that is now believed to be no longer an emergency area. Discussion ensued regarding timing and setting of a public hearing.

Councilmember Requa moved to set a public hearing for November 21, 2006 to revise the existing subdivision moratorium. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Splane – questioned if there was anything in the works to extend sewer from Reed St. west down Sapp Road.

Engineer Blair stated there is nothing in the plans at this time, if development were to occur the developers would be responsible for making the extension.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the Highway 9 sidewalks.

Mayor Dillon – noted that the interlocal is currently being reviewed by the County Attorney.

Police Chief Wood – announced the planned Veteran's Day parade sponsored by Mary Purcell and Central Schools.

Fire Chief Klinger – thanked the City on behalf of the volunteer association for the use of the Community Center for their annual Boots to Burn Dance. The event raised approximately \$13,000.

Engineer Blair – noted a written report given to Council with an update on the sewer project within the moratorium.

Planner Rozema – thanked the Council for the opportunity to work for the City and noted he would be glad to help with the transition in any way.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – pointed out the Council copies of the balanced preliminary budget at their seats. She also noted the Auditor's exit conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 22 and requested Councilmembers RSVP. If more than three Councilmembers attend there will need to be a couple sessions scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned again to executive session for the purpose of personnel, land acquisition or litigation at 8:36 P.M. for approximately 20 minutes with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

Councilmember Anderson moved to authorize the survey of some potential property to be purchased by the City of Sedro-Woolley. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

Councilmember Colgan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.